

Iran says 10 militants killed in Kurdish area near Iraq

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The fighting took place near the Kurdish town of Oshnavieh. (Source: Google Maps)

Tehran: Iran's elite Revolutionary Guard says it has killed 10 militants in a Kurdish region near the border with Iraq. The Guard's website said Saturday that the 10 belonged to a "terrorist group affiliated with global arrogance," referring to the United States, and that several other militants were wounded in clashes late Friday. The Guard did not say whether its forces suffered casualties.

The fighting took place near the Kurdish town of Oshnavieh, in an area that has seen occasional clashes between Iranian forces and Kurdish separatists, as well as Islamic State-linked militants.

The Guard said it had confiscated a "remarkable" amount of arms, ammunition and communications equipment. Last month at least 10 Iranian border guards were killed in an attack by unidentified gunmen near Iraqi border.

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